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United States
Department of
Agriculture

CENTER FOR VETERINARY BIOLOGICS NOTICE NO. 06-08

Animal and Plant
Health Inspection
Service

Subject: Avian Influenza (H5 Subtypes) Vaccine Bank

Veterinary Services

To: Biologics Licensees, Permittees, and Applicants
Veterinary Services Management Team
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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this notice is to inform interested parties that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (VS) is soliciting bids for production of two subtypes of Avian Influenza Vaccine, H5 Subtype, Killed Virus.

II. BACKGROUND

The Center for Veterinary Biologics (CVB) Notice No. 05-13, dated June 28, 2005, informed interested parties that VS was soliciting bids for the creation of an avian influenza vaccine bank. A contract was awarded to a licensed veterinary biologics manufacturer to manufacture avian influenza vaccine. VS now has approximately 40 million doses of frozen killed bulk viral antigens that are ready to be finished into final product when the Deputy Administrator of Veterinary Services activates the bank.

The CVB Notice No. 05-22, dated November 3, 2005, informed interested parties that VS was soliciting bids to add to the avian influenza vaccine bank. A contract was awarded to a licensed veterinary biologics manufacturer to manufacture avian influenza vaccine. Approximately 30 million doses of frozen killed bulk viral antigens that are ready to be finished into final product when the Deputy Administrator of Veterinary Services activates the bank are currently being manufactured.

The USDA seeks to further expand the existing avian influenza vaccine bank. The goal is to add an additional 40 million doses of Avian Influenza Vaccine, Subtype H5, Killed Virus, to the bank. To meet this goal, Presolicitation Notice No. 024-M-APHIS-06 was posted to the Federal Business Opportunities website on March 24, 2006. The Request for Proposal solicitation should be posted to the Federal Business Opportunities website on or about March 31, 2006.



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III. ACTION

Parties who are interested in bidding on this contract should refer to the following website for further information:

<http://www.fbo.gov/spg/USDA/APHIS/Contracting/024%2DM%2DAPHIS%2D06/listing.html>

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